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THE China Gazette states that Chang Chih-

of Tia. 8,000,000, offering as a security 'the ever-convenient I. M. Customs.'

**Tsz China Gazette.** under the heading of more 'Krupp-plant,' alleges that Krupp's agents have now practically a mortgage, and have put the bailiffs on the entire Chinese mercantile fleet, on account of the armaments that have fallen into the hands of the Japanese.

**Tsz Maxim Gun Corps'** sixth monthly on-line competition, for the Championship Challenge Cup, which took place this afternoon on the Police Range at Kowloon, resulted in a fourth win for Ganner Snyth, with a score of 68-30 at 200 yards, and 29 at 500 yards.

**Last night** the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong gave a dance in the City Hall. There was a large attendance, but the floor of St. George's Hall was not so inconveniently crowded as to interfere with the comfort of the dancers. Excellent music was provided by the band of the Hongkong Regiment. The arrangements made by the Committee for their guests were complete in every detail, showing that the 'Engineers' Institute know on what lines to conduct a social gathering of this nature. Mr. Ramsey as master of ceremonies and Mr. W. K. Wylie as Secretary were unremitting in their attention, and deserve a special meed of praise for their devoted efforts to make the evening's proceedings move along smoothly. All those who had the pleasure of attending will look forward to the next dance given by the Institute.

**Tsz Japan Gazette** of the 12th inst. says:—News has been received just as we go to press that the steamer *Broderick*, from Manila, laden with sugar, is ashore off the coast to the south of the Kii Channel.

**THE sailors and marines** went up to guard the foreign legations had a very unpleasant journey from Tientsin to the capital, says the *China Gazette*. Most of them had to march the whole way, and camping out at night in the beginning of a northern Chinese winter proved to be an experience which few of the men who went through it would care to repeat. They were sent up in such a hurry that no proper arrangements could be made for their accommodation on the way, and as they had very few tents at their disposal, no stores and a scanty supply of blankets, they must have felt the bitter cold at night terribly. There are now nearly four hundred foreign men of war's men and marines in Peking, including Frenchmen, Germans, Americans, Britishers, Italians and Spaniards.

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OR (after saying good), and I do not remember for a season when it had to be pulled in fact, of so many obstacles,

That the band of Death was laid heavily upon the streets of the Regatta, even to the very last day, and a certain somberness was mixed with the enjoyment by the sea and half-masting of flags in the city and harbour.

That this year has furnished a full cup of sorrow to many residents of Hongkong, and this year we shall with a certain feeling of relief bring out the old, ring in the new.

That the Plague visitation and its results are proving to be a harder nut to crack than was expected.

That I cannot help thinking, with the Attorney General, that the trouble has been increased in proportion to the considerations shown to landlords.

That the Arbitration Board is bound to have its task very full, as nearly every case is to be fought out.

That the worthy Chairman of the Board (the Acting Chief Justice) will probably have the whole of his time occupied sitting as an Arbitrator, for some months to come.

That it is fortunate the Colony has a second Judge (Mr Wise) who is so able to undertake judicial work, and who possesses the reputation of carrying out his duties with accuracy and despatch.

That it is inconprehensible why the Government should allow so much time to be wasted before taking definite action to the condemned district of China Town.

should not be given to the reports about the presence of Plague in Amoy and the adjoining Province, the Government spathy of the Hong Kong Government over the total destruction, the gradual demolition, or even the permanent improvement of the portion of Tientsin which is condemned, is what no fellow can understand.

That if the Government is waiting for an adjudication upon every claim for compensation before proceeding with the work of thoroughly transforming the whole of the Plague into a habitable and sanitary settlement, then the Plague may be around upon us (which Heaven forbid) before all this hogling is ended.

That if the Pest visits us again next season we must despatch it as we can; but in Heaven's name let us quickly get on in order as well and as quickly as possible, so that the dread scourge may not find a spot upon which to fasten and stay.

That it may be said the Government are waiting for the Amended Health Ordinance, and are really showing some signs of energy in the direction of passing that much-needed measure.

That some of the delay over that bill appears to have been justly laid at the door of the Unofficial Members of Council; and doubtless, as came out on other days, much consideration has been shown to the representatives of property at the Council table.

That the Governor would have done well to have shown an equal amount of consideration to the Sanitary Board, whose members were about as dissatisfied than all the Legislative Council put together.

That the Sanitary Board had to draw the draft of the Bill out of the Government, and had to rush through its consideration in a few days.

(That whoever is responsible for this shortsighted policy is not acting wisely, and certainly does not deserve well of the colony.)

That anyway, if the object of the Executive has been everything to keep the Plague out of our next year, the course of action (or inaction) cannot be clearly explained.

That I cannot say I have no more to tell about the war as the Old Yamen.







